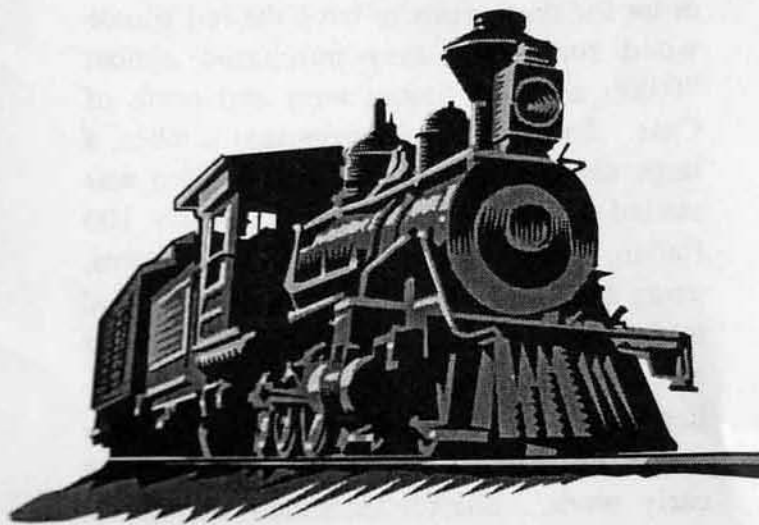


CASS

CENTENNIAL



1900 to 2000

The Town of
Cass
Celebrates
100 years

Cass Scenic

The Town of Cass was founded in 1900 by the West Virginia Pulp and Paper Company. The town was started by William Luke and his sons. The company had a large paper mill in Luke, Maryland and planned another one for Covington Virginia. In order for these mills to have the red spruce wood for paper, they purchased almost 70,000 acres of timber west and north of Cass. To cut the huge trees into lumber, a large sawmill was erected and a town was started to house the workers. Nearly 100 Italian, Austrian and Hungarian immigrants, using hand tools and horses built a railroad to the top of Cheat Mountain. The railroad extended for about 81 miles and would utilize 14 steam locomotives. Sam F. Slaymaker and Emory P. Shaffer supervised the early work. Shaffer remained as general superintendent for 34 years. The town was then named for Joseph K. Cass, vice president and investor in the company. By 1920 the towns population was 2,000 people. In 1943 the town, mill and woods operations were sold to Mower Lumber Company who operated the mill until 1960. In 1961 the State of West Virginia purchased the railroad and locomotives. In 1976 the State then purchased the town which is now known as Cass Scenic Railroad State Park.



Other Attractions in Pocahontas County

Allegheny Trail
Buffalo Lake
Camp Allegheny
Camp Bartow
Cheat Mountain Salamander Rail Buss
Town of Durbin
Durbin & Greenbrier Valley Railroad
Gaudineer Scenic Area
National Radio Astronomy Observatory
Staunton - Parkersburg Turnpike
Edray State Trout Hatchery
Elk River Touring Center
Greenbrier River Trail
Hawthorne Valley Golf Course
Highland Scenic Highway
Town of Marlinton
Mill Run Trout Farm
Pocahontas County Historical Museum
Seneca State Forest
Snowshoe Mountain
Beartown
Calvin Price State Forest
Cranberry Glades
Droop Mountain Battlefield
Town of Hillsboro
Locust Creek Bridge
Pearl S Buck Birthplace
Watoga State Park

For more information call
Pocahontas County Convention & Visitor
Bureau at 1-800-336-7009
www.pocahontascountywv.com

Railroad State Park

May 26, 2000
EVENTS

10am -12pm Opening Ceremonies

Variety of speakers giving history on the town of Cass. Location: near or at the Depot.

12pm - 1pm Music

Mike Bing and the Brown Baggers will perform traditional Mountain Music.

1pm Train Ride

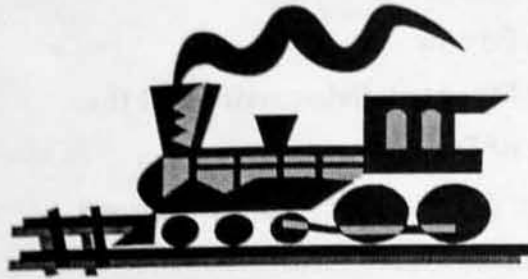
The Shay Locomotive will pull out from the depot for a trip to Whittaker Station. Replica of a loggers camp will be set up by Mountain State Logging. To reserve your train ride call 800-336-7009.

3pm Tree & Log Chopping

Cougar Family and Mel Lantz (world champion wood choppers) will demonstrate traditional chopping technique. Location: Front Street past the Barber Shop.



**Up Coming
Events
for the year**



June 21 -25

Cass Homecoming begins

July 4

Logger Dinner Train

August 13

Square Dance with an extra square

September 15

Author's Day to sign & sell books

October 28

Haunted House - Town ghost stories

November (TBA)

Town Thanksgiving Dinner

December 2

Christmas Tree lighting & caroling